

The Many Faces of Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS)



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“I was a 4-H member in my youth and completed FCS 4-H projects. I knew the Extension educator very well and wanted to be like her. I went to the University of Idaho in Moscow, ID and later worked

as an Extension agent in Havre, MT where my employer encouraged me to get an advanced degree. I completed my M.S. at Iowa State University and completed a Ph.D. while working in Wyoming. After receiving my degree, I was hired as a state Extension specialist at Penn State University. I have been employed in an FCS position for 50 years!

I love FCS because it provides everyone with skills in order to live. I enjoy giving demonstrations, writing curriculum, and doing research. My FCS work has allowed me to visit all 50 states and 30 countries. It is a profession that you can work with both adults and youth, in teaching, business, community work, and as an individual.

FCS is important because it is useful in nearly every aspect of life. It allows people to make better decisions every day and it gets people together in a community to solve problems.